

SA1074228

Victorian Scottish Silver & Agate Brooch c1855

Price

GBP 410

| USD \$554 | EUR 480

Item Reference: SA1074228

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Dimensions

Width = 7.3 cm (2.9")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Technical Description A very fine 19th-century Victorian silver and agate brooch in the form of a twisted rope dating to c1855. A combination of five colourful Scottish agates have been expertly carved and set flush to the silver in a way that bevels the surface. The silver is mounted with a handmade scrolling c-clasp, extended pin and tube hinge. The small attachment loop is intact. Unmarked, as is the case with much of the Scottish silver jewellery produced during the mid-Victorian era. The agates exhibited on this brooch are; A particularly dark "classic" bloodstone to one end, the birthstone for March, Pisces. This is green jasper (chalcedony) with red hematite inclusions and showing some transparent quartz. This is likely a specimen from the west coast of Rum at Sgurr Mhor, otherwise known as Bloodstone Hill. Next is a blue lace agate found mostly in the Montrose area, this is in the desirable waterline pattern which is when the deposits become completely parallel. The central agate is a Campsie jasp-agate, very finely mottled yellow with reddish-brown inclusions and flashes of clear quartz spread throughout, native to central Scotland and found in the Campsie H...

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